


SOUTHCOM Theater for SOF Course (STSOF)

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|  | Course: | SOED-STSO (4.5 Days) | PDS Code: | 077 |
| | DSN: | 579-4757/4758 | Comm: | 850 884-4757/4758 |
| | CCAF Credit(s): | None | Enrollment By: | Open Enrollment |
| | E-Mail: | usafsos.stsof@hurlburt.af.mil | Security Level: | SECRET |
| | Enrollment/Registration: Please refer to the open enrollment information for specific instructions. | | | |

■ Course Information

Target Audience: This course is designed for SOF personnel who are currently serving in or preparing to deploy to Latin America. Other joint, DoD, or government personnel, who are assigned, or are programmed for assignment to a Latin America country, may also be interested in attending this course. Adult dependents of individuals on accompanied overseas status may attend the course at their sponsor's expense, subject to space availability and USAFSOS approval. SOF quota requests are given priority.

Description: SOUTHCOM Theater for SOF is a 4.5-day course that focuses on U.S. national security interests in Latin America and the Caribbean with emphasis placed upon items of greatest interest to U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF), in particular, to Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) units that operate within the SOUTHCOM AOR as well as newly assigned staff at SOCSOUTH. The course covers political, military, cultural, and historical factors which influence SOF operations in SOUTHCOM as well as SOCSOUTH efforts to support SOUTHCOM's Theater Campaign Plan. Due to its SOF focus, significant time is dedicated to studying Irregular Warfare in the region as exemplified by threats posed to U.S. interests by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army (FARC-EP), the Shining Path of Peru, international Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs), transnational gangs as well as populist movements. Students are also exposed to other subjects of interest to the U.S. government including terrorist activities occurring within the Tri-border area of South America, illicit trafficking throughout the region and revolutionary succession in Cuba. This is a nominative course for which students must apply and be accepted to attend.

Course Enrollment: The course you have selected is an Open Enrollment course. This course requires no prior approval from USAFSOS faculty and course quota can be requested directly. Students may enroll for this course via BlackBoard, or by obtaining a training line number from their unit training manager. For Blackboard direct enrollment, go to the BlackBoard link below and follow the instructions. If enrolling through unit training manager (Open Enrollment link above) supply the PDS code found in the above panel, and course dates to your local training manager who will in turn reserve a course quota for you in the training system. All students should request a USAFSOS Blackboard account which enables access to specific course materials. To access Blackboard, copy and paste the following address into your browser's address bar: <https://afsoc.blackboard.com>. (We are currently unable to link directly to the USAFSOS Blackboard site per AFI 33-129, paragraph 6.91.)

Note:

- On the first day of class, students should report NLT 07:30. This course is scheduled through 12:00 on the last day class. Course credit will not be given for early departures. Travel arrangements should be made accordingly.

Special Security Instructions:

SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

DOD Security Managers must submit visit request 14-30 days prior to class start date through JPAS (*use class acronym "STSOF" in POC block*) to SMO code EEQVFPP56 being sure the student's personal summary page reflects the proper access to be granted.

Non DOD agencies must FAX clearance 14-30 days prior to class start date on official letterhead to DSN 579 1866, COMM 850 884 1866. (*Write the course acronym "STSOF" and inclusive dates as the purpose for visit*).

Security questions? Call Glenn LeMay @ DSN 579 4673 Comm 850 884 4673.

| STSOF Scheduled Offerings | | | | |
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| Status | Course # | Dates | Location | Notices |
| X | 12C | 30 Jul-3 Aug 2012 | Hurlburt Fld FL | CANCELLED |
| ⚠ | 12D | 13-17 Aug 2012 | Hurlburt Fld FL | Dates changed from 10-14 Sep |
| | 13A | 11-15 Feb 2013 | Hurlburt Fld FL | |
| | 13B | 29-Apr 3-May 2013 | Hurlburt Fld FL | |
| | 13C | 09-13 Sep 2013 | Hurlburt Fld FL | |

⚠ = Change || N/C -- No Change || X = Cancelled